



# Focal Point

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## Frisco Fire Safety Town Closer to Opening

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA

Weeks away from completion, Frisco Fire Safety Town will be the first of its kind in the United States.

Planned to open its doors toward the end of October, Frisco Fire Safety Town, adjacent to Frisco's new Central Fire Station, is located at the intersection of Main Street and Gary Burns Drive. Each day, the 2-acre child-size version of Frisco moves closer to becoming a reality. Area businesses have supported the effort by donating supplies and time.

"Buildings are coming up quickly," said Bettie Grimes, Fire Education Coordinator. "Pretty soon things will be done, and we can start moving in."

Although the idea for the project came about in the early 1990s, it wasn't until citizens approved Frisco Fire Safety Town in the 2002 City of Frisco Bond Package that the idea became a reality. The Frisco Fire Department broke ground on the project in November 2004.

Frisco Fire Safety Town is an interactive fire prevention and life safety education program for the children of Frisco and follows the Frisco Fire Department's mission to educate. This

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## Frisco's New Public Library Opens in September

BY ANTOINETTE VEGA

Empty shelves are now packed with books and art decorates the once empty walls as the new Frisco Public Library's grand opening date approaches. Scheduled to open Sept. 21, the four-story facility, located in the east side of the

George A. Purefoy Municipal Center, holds more than 100,000 items.

"Finally, the day is almost here where we can unveil the new public library to all Frisco citizens," said Dr. Ron Heezen, Director of the Frisco Public Library. "This facility offers our citizens so much more with its extended collection and unique features."

The City of Frisco's first public library opened 15 years ago in a one-story facility. The new library holds 2 miles of shelving and twice the collection size of the previous library. In fact, Heezen said more than \$1 million was spent in adding to the library's collection.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of the library is the interior décor with custom-made wall paper and seat covering representing Frisco's history and the mixture of textures such as hard wood, granite and cloth. The high ceilings and floor-length windows visually add more space to the already

spacious rooms.

The view from each large window increases in beauty from the first floor and above showcasing Frisco Square and Pizza Hut Park.

The new library also caters to every age group from toddlers to senior citizens, floor by floor.

Teens now have space to read, watch videos or work on homework on the first floor. The teen area features chairs and leather couches provided by IKEA. Also available is a movie screening corner and study area. Young adult librarians have selected thousands of new fiction and non-fiction titles, as well as hundreds of DVDs and music CDs.

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PHOTO BY AARON COBB

## Roads and Rain

We have made it through the summer months, school has started and fall is around the corner. Lots of new and exciting things will be happening in Frisco as we dedicate the new George A. Purefoy Municipal Center on September 21 and we open our new Central Fire Station and our Police Station in late October or early November. Events like the MLS Cup, major league soccer's national Championship will be held at Pizza Hut Park on Nov. 12 and more family fun will take place with the Great Steak of Texas on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1. The always fun Frisco Storytelling Festival will take place on Oct. 20 - 21 and the Gary Burns Fun Run on October



### Mayor's Message

Mike Simpson

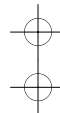
28. While we have a lot of great events that will take place, our citizens continue to have two major areas of concern - Roads and Rain.

While many people are concerned about our road construction, I think it is important you understand just what Frisco is doing and what is being done by Texas Department of Transportation

(TxDOT) and the North Texas Tollway Authority (NTTA) to complete our major road projects. From a Frisco standpoint, I believe we have done an excellent job in planning and building our local city roads. In speaking with many of you, I have shared the City of Frisco has built - or committed to build - more than \$152 million in local roads in just four years. Frisco voters have also shown their commitment to roads because voters passed \$74.5 million in bonds dedicated to road projects 2002 and \$100 million in bonds dedicated to road projects in May of this year. These bond issues have - and will continue to build local road projects.

In the past few years, Frisco has completed projects such as Legacy Drive from Stonebriar to El Dorado, Warren Parkway from Legacy to the Tollway, was completed in 2004. Teel, from High Shoals to El Dorado, was completed during 2005. Main Street, from the Tollway to Preston (a project that has taken over two years) will be finished in October. Other projects include Ohio Drive, Lebanon and El Dorado, from the Tollway east to Custer, including the overpass over the railroad. Independence north of Main, Coit Road from Main to 121 all are projects done in the past few years. Our Engineering Department is doing

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a good job of getting these roads planned and built.  
**State Roads**

Most of our citizens and visitors who travel through Frisco don't understand which roads to be built by TxDOT, as state owned roads. Many of the major concerns I hear about involve SH-121; Preston Road (SH 289);

El Dorado (FM 2934); F.M. 423, from north of The Colony up to US 380 and FM 3537 -- or Main Street, from Preston to Custer Road. These are all state roads. We are working with TxDOT in every way we can to get these projects moved up. There is a great deal of time involved in building or reconstructing these roads, which includes design, environmental clearance, and right of way acquisition. In fact, receiving a "finding of no significant impact" - or FONSI - from the federal government followed by the actual road construction can take up to 10 years or even more. It also assumes all funding is in place. As you may have heard at our council meetings, TxDOT and the North Texas Council of Governments, have stated they are \$55 billion short in money needed to build state roads and provide on-going maintenance. A much smaller percentage of our gas tax dollars goes into building roads than you might think and there are also hundreds of millions of dollars diverted from what is called Fund-6. Of the 20 cents a gallon you pay in state gas tax for each gallon, 5 cents comes off the top to go to education, by state law. The state gas tax only pays 32% of our current transportation budget, per TxDOT's own documents. This is why you will see the state pushing toll roads as an answer to help build more roads.

Each month in Focal Point, there is a map showing you projected completion dates and current status of all road projects, including local and state

roads. Our goal is to do what we can to get all these projects moved up and we are meeting with Bill Hale, TxDOT District Engineer, to determine what can be done. Frisco has always taken progressive steps when they see state roads are going to be delayed. In fact in the past 10 years we have spent more than \$63 million on state road projects to get them done earlier or to even take them off the state's system. For example, Main Street, from Preston to FM 423, was taken off the system and we built it at a cost of more than \$21 million. We provided 90% of the right of way (ROW) on Preston Rd. from SH 121 to Main at no cost to TxDOT and paid for the 5th and 6th lanes from SH 121 to Main. Imagine if that was only four lanes. We are also paying to add the 5th and 6th lanes on Preston from Main to US 380 at a cost of \$7 million. We are contributing more than \$7 million on FM 423, \$7.5 million on FM 2934 (El Dorado) and have more than \$10 million on SH 121 from the Dallas North Tollway to Preston (SH 289) in the form of ROW and cash contributions. My point is, Frisco has done a great deal to get these state roads built and we will continue to do so.

### NTTA-North Texas Tollway Authority

One of the biggest projects in Frisco, from Gaylord Parkway to US 380, is the extension of the Dallas North Tollway. There are three contractors working very aggressively to finish the entire project up to US 380 before October of 2007. Again many people think this is a Frisco project. Actually, this project would not be this far along had Frisco not obtained more than 350 acres of ROW at no cost to the NTTA, a value of more than \$50 million. The projected cost of the DNT extension by the NTTA is \$264 million and we will be working aggressively with the NTTA to get it opened before October 2007. We will be attempting to get it open to El Dorado ahead of

the entire project being complete if any way possible.

Frisco is doing a better job than any city I know to get roads built. We ask that you work with us, have patience and understand the time it takes to complete these type projects.

### Rain

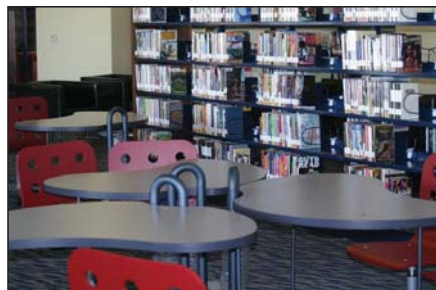
We continue to miss almost every rain fall. We are still at Stage 3 and working with the NTMWD and all the member and customer cities to conserve water. In the months of June and July we saved more than 390 million gallons of water compared to our projections for those months. Thanks to all of you for your efforts, for helping us police those who violate restrictions, for your ideas to conserve water and for questioning our long term plans with the NTMWD on where we will get water in the long term. If you attended our Town Hall Meeting or have watched the presentation on our cable station by Jim Parks, Executive Director of the NTMWD, you know the District has a good plan to continue to build our water supply and hopefully double our capacity in 2008. Key to all of this is rain and we must all pray for this to happen. The worst drought in 50 years and one of the top ten hottest summers has all our cities striving to conserve water. I get e-mails of concern claiming other cities are not under the same Category 3 restrictions as we are. This is simply not true of any customer or member cities of the NTMWD, which are all under Stage 3 restrictions. Even cities on our south, west and east, which get water from other lakes, are going to one day, a great watering restrictions.

Thank you for your support and continued help to conserve water!

**Sincerely,  
Mike Simpson  
Mayor**

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Also on the first floor is the state-of-the-art computer lab. The library has 75 Internet computers, a far jump in growth from the five computers the first library offered. Also something new and convenient to the building is its wireless Internet accessibility.



Inside the Teen Area on the first floor of the Frisco Public Library

kids will definitely enjoy is the new puppet stage in the Children's Program Room, said Heezen.

"This is the first time the City of Frisco has had a real puppet stage, so this is very exciting," Heezen said. "It's going to be a big hit and something we are so happy we can now provide."

The third floor houses the Library Administration, friends of the library, and the Frisco Library Foundation. Also on the third floor is Technical Services, which is a vital component to the library.

The fourth floor is the most elegant and unique of the entire library said Heezen. The two-story vaulted ceiling features exposed wood beams and floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking Frisco in three directions. Traditional heavy wood library tables and chairs round out the setting. The fourth floor houses new novels, biographies, and new non-fiction books.

"I've been in the library world for over 30

years, and I can say our fourth floor is as fine a space for adult readers as I have ever seen," Heezen said. "Frisco residents will be proud of this space and the views of the city it affords."

Something offered on each floor is express check-out machines for those looking for swiftness or privacy.

"The designer really paid attention to details and had the library patron in mind when designing this library," Heezen said. "This library shows who we are and who we are becoming."

**See more  
photos of the  
new Frisco Public  
Library on page 5**

As it gets closer to open the library's doors to the City, Heezen said he is excited but a little nervous.

"There are many details to take care of before opening," Heezen said.

Heezen said he hopes each and every Frisco citizen takes advantage of the services the library has to offer.

"There is something in this library for everyone whether it's the books, DVDs, or Internet," Heezen said. "We've spent a lot of time picking out content catering to the needs of citizens."

# Frisco Gets New School Zones

As parents and children get into the swing of the new school year, all drivers need to be aware of new and existing school zones in Frisco. The City of Frisco and F.I.S.D. have adopted several new school zones to complement the opening of three new schools.

"The new school zones were added to accommodate either new schools or a change in school boundaries," said Kim Dalton, Engineering Services.

School zones are reviewed by a Frisco Public Safety group before being implemented. The group of city and F.I.S.D. staff members meets monthly to discuss other school safety issues, including site design, bus pick-up, traffic flow and crossing guards said Brian Moen, Transportation Manager.

"The meetings are a good time to bounce ideas off each other and make sure we are all on the same page in reference to school safety," Moen said.

Near Corbell Elementary, look for school zones on Waxwing Way from Crockett Drive to Kingfisher Lane and on Kingfisher Lane from Waxwing Way to Corbell Elementary. Also be aware of school zones at Laramie Lane on Monarch Drive to Outpost Trail and on Monarch Drive beginning on Smotherman Road to Laramie Lane. On Smotherman Road, look for school zones beginning west on Bent Creek Trail to Monarch Drive.

At Sem Elementary, be aware of a new school zone on Hillcrest near Hillsboro Drive. At Honey Grove Drive, look for a school zone from Yoakum Drive to Beeville Drive. At Yoakum Drive, a new school zone has been added on Capstone Drive to Kemah Drive.

There is also a new school zone near Justin Wakeland High School on Legacy Drive between Avon Lane and Andrew Lane.

For Bessie Gunstream Elementary, a school zone has been added on Coit Road near Conroe Road. Besides the addition of new school zones, several have been eliminated due to changes in school boundaries or the completion of various road construction projects.

School zones have been removed at the intersection of Pink Parkway and Teel Parkway for Pink Elementary/Griffin Middle School. A school zone has also been eliminated for Wester Middle School at the intersection of Rolater Road and Whittingham.

"The reduced speed school zone on Teel Parkway at Trails Parkway was installed last year because the northbound Teel Parkway bridge was incomplete," Dalton said. "The northbound bridge opened to traffic in August eliminating the need for the school zone."

For more information on school zones or public safety topics, contact Brian Moen at bmoen@friscotexas.gov.

## Mother-Son Dance Tickets Available Online

Come dressed as your favorite "Dynamic Duo" and be ready to dance the night away at the City of Frisco's 6th Annual Mother-Son Dance on Sept. 16 at Centennial High School, 6901 Coit Road.

Tickets are on sale now and available online for the first time.

"We're excited to offer tickets online for the first time," said Marcy Jones, Superintendent of Recreation. "This is something our parents have asked for and we're happy to provide the service through Sportstech."

business hours. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Tickets will not be sold at the event.

Jones anticipates moms and sons will have a great time with this year's theme, which is "Dynamic Duos – Who's Your Hero?"

"We think everyone will have fun being creative with their costumes for this year's dance," said Jones. "We're excited to see what moms and their dynamic dates come up with! We expect we may see everyone from Batman and Catwoman to Sonny and Cher," giggled Ashley Blanchard, Event Programmer.

Parks and Recreation offers three dances, catering to three different age groups.

Ages 4 - 5 will dance from 4 - 5:30 p.m.; ages 6 - 7 will dance from 6 - 7:30 p.m.; and ages 8 - 12 will dance from 8 - 9:30 p.m. The different dances for different age groups are recommendations – not restrictions, particularly for moms who may have more than one "date."

Portraits are available for \$20, payable at the event (cash or check only). For information call 972-377-1752.

## Name That Truck!

The newest female member of the Environmental Services team needs a name. Look for the city-wide contest, "Name the Truck."

She serves as the new Recycling Truck picking up all recyclables from "Cari the Cart" every week. The winner will become a character in the next Frisco Green Team coloring book.

Official applications will be available at [www.frisco-texas.gov](http://www.frisco-texas.gov) and at all participating F.I.S.D. schools. Entries must be submitted or postmarked by midnight Sept. 18. Voting is Sept. 24 through Oct. 14.

## Rufus Around Town

Rufus and the Green Team and Treasure Hunt.

Rufus and congratulate Katie Evans, Green Team Member No. 20. She is the first to earn three Enviro-Patches. She submitted box tops from recycled products, conducted a litter clean-up at Christie Elementary and participated in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash



## Register for Frisco's Gingerbread House Contest

Beginning Sept. 20, the Rules and Information Packets for Frisco's Gingerbread House Contest will be available.

Look for instructions, forms, and contest rules online, [www.friscofun.org](http://www.friscofun.org), or at Alumni Hall Fitness Center, City Hall, Frisco Chamber of Commerce, Frisco Public Library, Senior Center at Frisco Square, and upon request from Ashley Blanchard, Parks & Recreation Department Special Events Programmer.

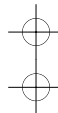
All entrants must pre-register. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first-serve basis. The fee is \$10.

Categories include individuals, children groups, professional individuals and professional groups of various ages. Join your friends and family in this fun bake-off.

For more information, contact Ashley Blanchard, 972-335-5517 or [ablanchard@friscotexas.gov](mailto:ablanchard@friscotexas.gov).



Tickets are available online at <http://specialevents.sportstech.net> or at the Alumni Hall Fitness Center during regular



# Monthly Project Update

## 1. Stonebrook Parkway (Legacy - Longhorn)

Scope: Construct the northern two lanes of Stonebrook Parkway from Legacy Drive to Longhorn Trail with an underpass at the BNSF RR and a bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete two lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway and includes three lanes of the bridge. The bridge will be used for one lane in each direction until the southern lanes are constructed. Est. completion of design is May 2007.

## 2. Independence Parkway (SH121 to Main)

Scope: Construct the western two lanes of Independence Parkway from SH 121 to Rotater and four lanes from Rotater to Main Street. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Current status is AWARD.

## 3. FM 2934/Eldorado Pkwy (FM 423 - DNT)

Scope: Construct the northern three lanes and the southern three lanes of FM 2934 (Eldorado Parkway) from the Dallas North Tollway to FM 423, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This will complete six lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. This project will be let by TxDOT. Current status is ROW.

## 4. FM 3537 Improvements

Scope: Construct six-lane divided roadway from FM 2478 (Custer Road) to SH 289 (Preston Road), which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This project will be let by TxDOT. Est. completion of design is January 2007.

## 5. FM 423 Improvements

Scope: Replace existing two-lane asphalt roadway with six-lane divided concrete roadway with curb and gutter. Est. completion of design is January 2007.

## 6. FM 2478/FM 3537

Intersection Improvement  
Scope: Construction of turn lanes and intersection improvements at FM 2478 and FM 3537. Includes engineering design. Est. completion of construction is August 2006.

## 7. Coit Road (Lebanon - Rotater)

Scope: Construct the eastern two lanes of Coit Road from Lebanon Road to Rotater Drive. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Landscaping, irrigation and street lighting are included in this project. Current status is COMPLETE.

## 8. Main Street, Phase 4 (RR - Preston)

Scope: Reconstruction of Main Street with concrete pavement, curb, and gutter

from BNSF Railroad to Preston/SH 289.

-Two lane divided roadway from BNSF Railroad to South County

-Four lane from South County to Preston/SH 289

Est. completion of construction is October 2006.

## 9. FM 3537

### 20-inch Water Line

Scope: Construct 20-inch waterline along FM 3537 from west of Hillcrest Road to Independence Parkway. This line will replace the 20-inch waterline that has been taken over by the NTMWD. Current status is BID

## 10. SH 121 Freeway FM 544 to DNT

Scope: Construct six main lanes and six lanes of frontage roads from FM 544 to Dallas North Tollway. Est. completion of construction is December 2007.

## 11. SH 121

### Freeway DNT to 75

Scope: Construct main lanes on SH 121 from Dallas North Tollway to US 75. Est. completion of design is December 2006.

## 12. SH 121 Service Roads DNT to US 75

Scope: Construct six lanes of service roads from the Dallas North Toll Road to US 75. It also includes a grade separation at Custer. Est. completion of construction is June 2008.

## 13. Lebanon (Village - FM 423)

Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Road from Village to FM 423 including a three-lane bridge at Stewart Creek. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Est. completion of design is July 2006.

## 14. Lebanon Road (Legacy - Starwood)

Scope: Construct the southern two lanes of Lebanon Road from Legacy Drive to Starwood Drive. This will complete four lanes of an ultimate six-lane divided roadway. Est. completion of construction is August 2006.

## 15. Teel Parkway Bridge

Scope: Construct the eastern bridge on Teel Parkway at Cottonwood Creek between Main Street and Eldorado Parkway. Current status is COMPLETE

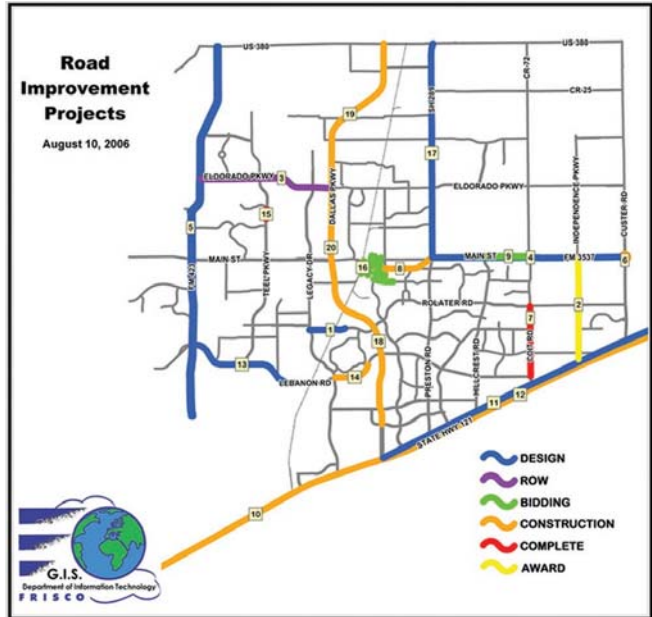
## 16. Selected Old Town Streets

Scope: Reconstruction of the following streets to concrete curb and gutter:

- South First Street from West Main to Ash
  - North Third from Main to Maple
  - South Third from Main to Ash
  - North Fourth from Main to Maple
  - North Sixth from Main to Maple
  - South Sixth from Main to Hickory
  - Pecan from Fifth to Seventh
  - Hickory from Fifth to Pebblebrook
- Current status is BID

## 17. SH 289 (Preston Road) Improvements

Scope: Construct a six-lane divided roadway from U.S. 380 to Main Street, which will replace the existing two-lane asphalt roadway. This project will be let by TxDOT, which will pay for four lanes. The City of Frisco will pay for the construction of the two additional lanes. Two million dollars of the City of Frisco's \$4.5



million participation in this project pays for the previous construction of Preston Road south of Main Street. Est. completion of design is January 2007.

## 18. DNT Phase 3 Section XI-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Gaylord Parkway to Platinum Parkway. Est. completion of construction is September 2007.

## 19. DNT Phase 3 Section XII-N

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from north of Eldorado Parkway to US 380. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Eldorado Parkway to US 380. Est. completion of construction is September 2007.

## 20. DNT Phase 3 Section XII-S

Scope: Construction of main lanes of the DNT from Platinum Parkway to north of Eldorado Parkway. Project also includes construction of the southbound service roads from Main Street to Eldorado Parkway. Est. completion of construction is September 2007.



# Inside the City

## The New Frisco Public Library



PHOTO BY CHRISTIE HARTWELL

(Above) Bookshelves lead to the Children's Program Room on the second floor.



PHOTO BY CHRISTIE HARTWELL

Couches make lounging in the Teen Area very comfortable.



PHOTO BY DANA BAIRD

(Above) Frisco Police Officer Robert Monts visits block parties talking with citizens and passing out safety information.

(Right) One young block party participant checks out a Frisco fire truck.

Approximately 100 block parties registered for the 12th Annual National Night Out on Aug. 1. Police officers and fire fighters visited all registered block parties during the annual event. The event was designed to unite citizens against crime. From barbecues and pool parties to bounce houses and dunking tanks, thousands of residents throughout Frisco participated.

## National Night Out



PHOTO BY DANA BAIRD

(Above) A Frisco citizen gets her spine checked out. The Green Home, Health & Safety Fair on July 29 kicked-off National Night Out. At the event, citizens participated in blood pressure check-ups and donated blood. More than 50 volunteers helped clean-up Frisco in the Don't Mess with Texas Trash & Treasure Hunt.

PHOTO BY DANA BAIRD

## Hometown Happenings

### September 5 Tuesday

City Council Meeting,  
Council Chambers,  
6101 Frisco Square Blvd.  
5:30 p.m.

### September 6 Wednesday

Public Art Board,  
6101 Frisco Square  
Blvd., 6:30 p.m.

### September 11 Monday

Frisco Square  
MMD meeting, 4:30 p.m.  
6101 Frisco Square Blvd.  
3rd Floor Conf Rm 3A

### September 13 Wednesday

Convention Visitors  
Bureau (CVB)  
12 p.m.

### September 19 Tuesday

City Council Meeting,  
Council Chambers,  
6101 Frisco Square Blvd.  
5:30 p.m.

### September 21 Thursday

CDC Meeting  
6101 Frisco Square Blvd.  
6:30 p.m.

### September 27 Wednesday

Arts of Collin County  
(ACC),  
City of Allen, 4 p.m.

Urban Forestry Board,  
6726 Walnut Street,  
6:30 pm

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concept includes ideas from many areas of fire and life safety education programs. Many ideas blossomed from concepts at three Canadian safety villages and others are unique to Frisco.

Frisco Fire Safety Town is built for children of all ages, with a particular focus on students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The school year will be devoted to serving students in the Frisco Independent School District, a founding sponsor, as well as other private schools and educational outlets in Frisco. The summer months will give daycares, community groups, and families from Frisco and the region the opportunity to visit Frisco Fire Safety Town.

"When the facility opens in late October we expect all Frisco elementary school students to go through Frisco Fire Safety Town in a time span of one year," said Fire Chief Mack Borchardt.

Grimes said local children will learn bicycle and pedestrian safety, internet safety, as well as what to do in an emergency weather situation in interactive classrooms.

"Children will learn so many things they will be able to apply to the real world," Grimes said. "I have completed the lesson plans for the program, and all I need now is for construction to be completed."

Completing construction is the No. 1 priority, and it is moving along, said Borchardt.

"We have seven buildings under construction, including the Safety Town Fire Station No. 1 and the scaled down Centennial Medical Center," Borchardt said.

Other buildings under construction include scaled model homes by Pulte Homes and K. Hovnanian Homes as well and the Rue Memorial Chapel, named for Elisabeth Rue

Pink's father who was a Presbyterian minister in Frisco.

When construction is completed, Borchardt said the facility will have a grand opening celebration but the exact date is to be determined.

To date, Frisco Fire Safety Town has benefited from approximately 30 major sponsors and others who have provided funding or supplies to the projects vision. Opportunities still exist to sponsor Frisco

Fire Safety Town bicycles and children's motorized cars, as well as other programs. DR Horton is sponsoring a home, and Pulte Homes is sponsoring an interactive fire truck and the Pulte Safety House featuring the WFAA Severe Weather Room.

Frisco Fire Safety Town consists of two components, the indoor educational facility and the outdoor townscape. Within the educational facility are multiple classrooms, an interactive fire engine and a

"safety house."

The "safety house" is a model of a home and its basic elements, including a kitchen, living room, bathroom and bedroom. Each area provides a hands-on learning experience on a variety of safety topics for children.

Outside the educational facility is the child-sized townscape with buildings representative of Frisco area businesses and home builders.



PHOTO BY BETTIE GRIMES

Frisco Fire Safety Town Fire Station No. 1 is almost completed. The child-size facility will serve as a teaching tool to Frisco elementary school students.

The "town" will be complete with paved streets, working street lights and traffic signals to teach children safety in a realistic and safe town setting.

"It is important children are taught how to be safe in a number of situations," Grimes said. "This is what Frisco Fire Safety Town aims to do but in a fun, entertaining approach. This town is built just for them in size and program content. It is something they can relate to."

Grimes and Borchardt have received calls and questions from citizens about the facility since the project's groundbreaking two years ago. As the opening nears, the calls are coming more frequently.

"We can't go anywhere without someone asking about Frisco Fire Safety Town and when it will open, which is what we want," Grimes said. "We want everyone to be excited because we're excited."

Borchardt said the excitement is well deserved because there is no other safety town like Frisco's in the United States.

"The concept of a fully integrated and interactive safety education program for young people at this level will truly make Frisco Fire Safety Town a unique and one-of-a-kind experience," Borchardt said.



PHOTO BY BETTIE GRIMES

Construction workers and architects build one of the child-size homes.

# Get Fit with Athletics

## Innaugural Adult Kickball League

The first adult kickball league begins this fall. Kickball is a great way to get some exercise and make new friends. Players must be at least 16 years of age to participate. Each team must have six male and four female players on the field at all times.

Code	Days	Dates	Time
Co-Ed	Th	9/14 - 10/19	7 - 9 p.m.

Fee: \$150 per team  
Location: Shannee Trail Park

## NFL "Punt, Pass & Kick"

Sunday, Sept. 17  
Warren Sports Complex  
1 - 4 p.m.

Young men and women in four separate age divisions (8-9, 10-11, 12-13, and 14-15) compete. The PP&K program is free. More than four million kids from around the country participate in the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition every year.

## Frisco Adult Tennis League

The Warren Sports Complex tennis courts are reserved for league play Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 10 p.m. All participants receive a league t-shirt and one can of balls. League winners receive free registration in the 2007 spring tennis league. Players must be at least 16 years old to participate. All registered participants are eligible to play in an end of the season tournament.

Code	League	Days	Dates
2410.01	Men's Singles	Tu	9/12 - 11/07
2410.02	Women's Singles	Th	9/14 - 11/02

Fee: \$15 per league  
Location: Warren Sports Complex - Tennis Courts  
Note: No matches on 10/31

## Skyhawks

Skyhawks program for 3 and 4-year-olds helps children fine-tune their motor skills in soccer and basketball. The coaching staff is trained to meet the special needs of young children and create a positive introduction to sports. Children must be potty trained. The participant to coach ratio is 6:1

Code	Days	Dates	Times	Ages
Soccer				
2900.01	Th	9/07 - 9/28	3 - 3:45 p.m.	3 - 4
Basketball				
2900.02	Th	9/07 - 9/28	4 - 4:45 p.m.	3 - 4
Basketball				
2900.03	Tu	10/03 - 10/24	3 - 3:45 p.m.	3 - 4
Soccer				
2900.04	Tu	10/03 - 10/24	4 - 4:45 p.m.	3 - 4

Fee: \$25  
Location: Alumni Hall Fitness Center

Note: All participants need a water bottle and comfortable clothing with court shoes. Shin guards are recommended for soccer.

For more information, contact Scot McCollum, 972-335-5517 or smccollum@friscotexas.gov

# Youngster Runs to Success

Seven-year-old Miranda Money of Frisco is running her way to the top.

A second-grader at Pink Elementary School, Miranda is active in the Frisco Heat Summer Track Club where she has earned numerous awards. At the Region 7 Texas Amateur Athletic Federation track meet in Garland, she won a silver medal in both long jump and high jump

Gold Medal, but she beat the 2003 Texas state record of 12 feet 9.5 inches and the 2002 National record of 12 feet 10 inches for the 8 and under division. Miranda's jump was 13 feet and 1.75 inches.

"We are very proud of Miranda and her record," said Scott McCollum, Parks & Recreation Athletic Programmer. "Miranda and her parents

deserve the credit for their hard work and dedication during the track season".

Mayor Mike Simpson and the Frisco City Council recognized Miranda at a Council meeting. Mayor Simpson presented Miranda a Proclamation declaring Aug 15, 2006, as "Miranda Money Day."



Mayor Simpson presents Miranda Money with a proclamation at a recent City Council meeting.

# Senior Center Classes

## Beginning Yoga (Floor)

Reduce stress, increase strength, flexibility and general well being through proper breathing, bending, twisting and stretching exercises.

T/Th, 9/5 - 9/29, 10 - 11 a.m.  
Fee: \$40 for 8 classes; \$5 per class  
Instructor: Bob Geller, Certified Instructor, AAAI

## Tai Chi for Arthritis

This course has become very popular at Senior Centers throughout the Metroplex. Frisco's teacher is the Senior Instructor in Texas.

Wed, 9/6 - 9/27, 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.  
Fee: 10-class card is \$60; \$7 per class

## Country and Western Dance Lessons

Grab your partner or do-si-do as a single.

Mon, 9/18-10/23, 1:30-2:15 p.m.  
Fee: \$40 per couple; \$30 per individual  
Instructor: Sheena Dance Academy

## Swing/Salsa Lessons

Grab your dancing shoes and experience the fun and health benefits of dancing. Enjoy three exciting weeks of east/west coast swing and three weeks of salsa instruction.

Wed, 9/20-10/25, 1:30-2:15 p.m.  
Fee: \$40 per couple or \$30 per individual  
Instructor: Sheena Dance Academy

## Stained Glass Workshop

Create your very own three-dimensional stained glass sun catcher. This will be exciting and you will have your very own 10-inch masterpiece to take home.

Sat, 9/23, 9 - 11 a.m.  
Sat, 9/23, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Fee: \$45, Lesson, supplies included  
Instructor: Barbara Short  
Minimum: 2 registered students

## AARP's Driver Safety Program

This eight-hour (two four-hour sessions) course is offered to local seniors at the Frisco facility. This refresher course is the nation's first and largest Senior driver improvement class designed especially for adults age 50 and older.

M/T, 9/18 — 9/19, Noon — 4 p.m.  
Fee: \$10 (paid to Instructor)  
Instructor: John Hansen

## Free Chess Lessons

No experience necessary! Learn the challenging and fun game of chess from lifetime members of the United States Chess Federation.

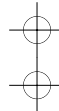
Friday, 9/1 — 9/29, 10 a.m. — Noon  
Fee: Free  
Instructor: Henry Delafield

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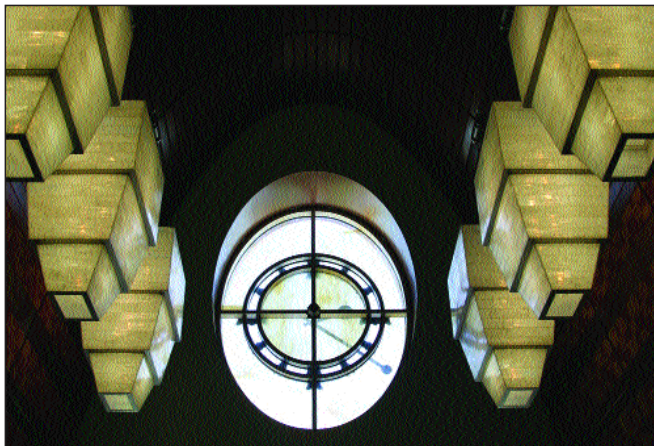
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| ■ Assistant Chief Building Official                | ■ Maintenance Worker-Utilities  |
| ■ Building Inspector                               | ■ Mechanic I - Parks            |
| ■ Civil Engineer                                   | ■ Planning Technician           |
| ■ Construction Technician                          | ■ Police Officer                |
| ■ Customer Service Representative-Utility Billing  | ■ Recreation Aide-Senior Center |
| ■ Detention Officer                                | ■ Right of Way Agent            |
| ■ Fire Safety Educator                             | ■ Seasonal Maintenance Worker   |
| ■ Library Technician (Part Time)                   | ■ Senior Engineer               |
| ■ Lifeguard  | ■ Senior Environmental Engineer |
| ■ Maintenance Worker-Meters                        | ■ Senior Planner                |
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|  | ■ Traffic Engineer              |

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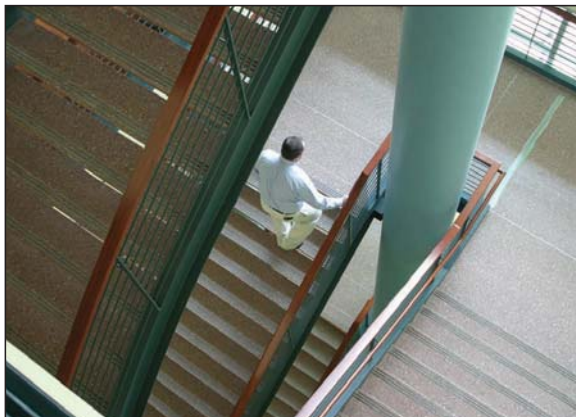


# George A. Purefoy Municipal Center

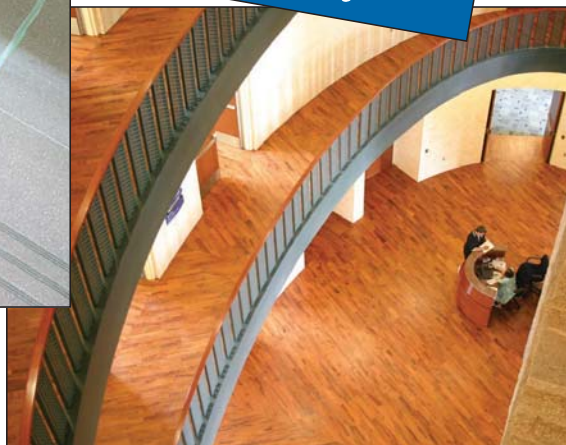


The City Room on the fifth floor is said to be one of the most magnificent rooms in the building with signature lighting centered by a glass clock. PHOTO BY DANA BAIRD

*You're  
Invited  
to the  
Dedication  
Celebration  
of the  
George A. Purefoy  
Municipal Center  
September 21, 2006  
5 p.m.  
Building tours will follow  
ceremony.*



The main staircase features mixtures of wood, metal and stone. PHOTO BY AARON COBB



View from the fourth floor looking down onto the front atrium of building.

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